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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****MAY 18 2009****IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend the remaining claims, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:
 - an input unit which inputs image information including a first image information having a first attribute for printing and a second image information having a second attribute for storing;
 - a printer which prints an image based on the image information input by said input unit on a recording medium to which a storage device is attached;
 - a writing unit which writes the image information to the storage device attached to the recording medium;
 - a controller which controls said printer and said writing unit to print the image based on the first image information having the first attribute input by said input unit on the recording medium and to write the second image information having the second attribute input by said input unit with a plurality of level information for visualizing to the storage device attached to the recording medium on which the image is printed by said printer;
 - a reading unit which reads the second image information stored in the storage device based on a user instruction; and
 - a specifying unit which specifies authentication information of the a-user who performs the user instruction,

wherein said controller controls said printer to print an image based on the second image information read by said reading unit on a recording sheet in a case where said reading unit reads the second image information, and to ~~vary~~ determine a range of a ~~content~~ the second image information to be read by said reading unit and ~~a content~~ a range of the second image information to be printed based at least in part on the level of the authentication information specified by said specifying unit within the plurality of level information written on the storage device by said writing unit and at least in part on the user specified by said specifying unit.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a display unit which displays an image based on the image information stored in the storage medium.

4. (Original) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 3, further comprising an instruction unit which instructs said printer to perform printing based on the content displayed by said display unit.

5. (Currently Amended) An image processing method comprising:
a generating step of generating image information to be printed;

a setting step of setting an attribute of the image information generated in said generating step, the attribute indicating whether or not the image information is to be visualized; and

a transmitting step of transmitting the image information generated in said generating step and the attribute set in said setting step to a printer loaded with a recording medium to which a storage device is attached;

a reading step of reading image information stored in the storage device based on a user instruction; and

a specifying step of specifying authentication information of the a-user who performs the user instruction,

wherein an image is printed on the recording medium based on the stored image information read in said reading step in a case where said reading step reads the stored image information, and a range of content the second image information to be read in said reading step and ~~a content~~ a range of the second image information to be printed are ~~varied-determined~~ based ~~at least in part on~~ the level of authentication information specified in said specifying step within the plurality of level information written on the storage device and at least in part on the user specified in said specifying step.

6. (Original) An image processing method according to claim 5, wherein authentication information for reading the image information which is not visualized is also set in said setting step, and the authentication information is also transmitted to the printer in said transmitting step.

7. (Currently Amended) An image processing method comprising:

an input step of inputting image information including a first image information having a first attribute for printing and a second image information having a second attribute for storing;

a printing step of printing an image based on the image information input in said input step on a recording medium to which a storage device is attached;

a writing step of writing the image information input in said input step with a plurality of level information for visualizing to the storage device attached to the recording medium on which the image based on the image information is printed in said printing step; and

a reading step of reading the second image information stored in the storage device based on a user instruction; and

a specifying step of specifying authentication information of the a-user who performs the user instruction,

wherein said printing step also prints an image based on the second image information read in said reading step in a case where said reading step reads the second image information, and ~~varies-determines a range of a content~~ the second image information to be read in said reading step and ~~a content~~ a range of the second image information to be printed based at least in part on the level of authentication information specified by said specifying unit within the plurality of the level information written on the recording medium in said writing step and at least in part on ~~the user specified in the specifying step.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-executable~~ readable program stored in a computer-readable storage medium, said program comprising:

a generating step of generating image information to be printed;

a setting step of setting an attribute of the image information generated in said generating step, the attribute indicating whether or not the image information is to be visualized; and

a transmitting step of transmitting the image information generated in said generating step and the attribute set in said setting step to a printer loaded with a recording medium to which a storage device is attached;

a reading step of reading image information stored in the storage device based on a user instruction; and

a specifying step of specifying authentication information of the ~~a~~ user who performs the user instruction,

wherein an image is printed on the recording medium based on the stored image information read in said reading step in a case where said reading step reads the stored image information, and a range of content the second image information to be read in said reading step and ~~a content~~ a range of the second information to be printed are varied determined based at least in part on the level of the authentication information specified in said specifying step within the plurality of level information written on the storage device and at least in part on the user-specified in said specifying step.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable readable program, stored in a computer-readable storage medium, said program comprising:

an input step of inputting image information including a first image information having a first attribute for printing and a second image information having a second attribute for storing;

a printing step of printing an image based on the image information input in said input step on a recording medium to which a storage device is attached;

a writing step of writing the image information input in said input step with a plurality of level information for visualizing to the storage device attached to the recording medium on which the image based on the image information is printed in said printing step; and

a reading step of reading the second image information stored in the storage device based on a user instruction; and

a specifying step of specifying authentication information of the a-user who performs the user instruction,

wherein said printing step also prints an image based on the second image information read in said reading step in a case where said reading step reads the second image information, and ~~varies~~ determines a range of a content the second image information to be read in said reading step and ~~a content a range of the second image information~~ to be printed based at least in part on the level of the authentication information specified by said specifying unit within the plurality of the level information

written on the storage device in said writing step ~~and at least in part on the user specified in~~
~~the specifying step.~~